

To the Right Honourable

Sir **PATIENCE WARDE** Knight,
Lord Mayor of the City of *London*.

The humble PETITION of the Commons of the City of London, in Common-hall assembled, June 27. 1681.

Sheweth,

THAT We do with all thankfulness acknowledg the great and wonderful mercy of Almighty God, in that notwithstanding the *daily Plots* and wicked Contrivances of the *Papists* and their Accomplices, We do still enjoy our ancient and undoubted right and freedom of *assembling* our selves together for the Choice of some *principal Officers* of this *City* for the year ensuing.

And whilst we attend upon this duty, We cannot but with all gratitude remember the great care, and faithful endeavours of *your Lordship*, the *Aldermen*, and *Commons* in *Common-council* lately assembled in ordering an *humble Address* to be presented to his *Majesty*; wherein was expressed *your Lordships* and *their* due sense of the continued danger of his *Majesty's Life*, (which God long preserve) and of the *Protestant Religion*, and of all our *Lives, Liberties, and Estates*, by the *Designs* and *Conspiracies*, so long projected and prosecuted by the *Councils of Rome* and its *Adherents*; in the pursuit whereof, they are chiefly animated by the continuing hopes of a *Popish Successour*. And also *your* and *their* just apprehensions that no effectual means can be provided against the impending evils therein mentioned, *but by the wisdom and advice of his Majesty's great Council the Parliament*.

And whereas it hath come to our knowledge, that *Reports*, by mistake or prejudice, have been raised, that the said *Address* did contein onely the *sense* and *desires* of a *few persons*, and not of the *generality* of this *great City*.

We do therefore most humbly pray *your Lordship*, that you will in such manner (as shall seem best to *your Lordships* discretion) humbly represent to his *Majesty*, that the Subject-matter of the said *Address* is also the *true sense*, and doth contain the *humble Desires* and *Resolutions* of his *true and Loyal Subjects* the *Citizens of his City of London*, in this their *Common-Hall* now assembled. And that his *Majesty* would be graciously pleased to esteem it as such.

And We having likewise taken notice that the same *Common Council* did at the time of their voting the said *Address*, render their thanks to our late worthy *Members* of the last *Parliament*, for their faithful endeavours to serve this *City*, according to the Desires and Instructions to them given and made by Us at the time of their *Election*. We do think it our duty at this time to testifie our full concurrence therein, and do return unto them our hearty thanks for the same.

And your Petitioners shall ever pray, &c.

F This Petition was delivered to the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor immediately after the declaring Thomas Pilkington Esq; Alderman, and Samuel Shute Esq; to be Sheriffs of London for the year ensuing; and being read by the command of the Lord Mayor to the Common-Hall, had their general Consent and Approbation of the same, which consisted of some Thousands of Citizens.

To the Honour'd
Slingsby Bethel and Henry Cornish Esquires,
Sheriffs of this City of London and Middlesex.

WE the *Citizens* of the said *City* in *Common-hall assembled*, being sensible of, and greatly satisfied with your faithful Endeavours to discharge those *Offices of Trust* which we (not long since) called you to ; and considering your wise and prudent conduct and management of our Affairs within this *City*, especially in maintaining and asserting of our undoubted *Rights* and *Priviledges* as *Citizens*, and continual provision of *faithful* and *able Juries* ; especially in such a time as this, when Innocency it self is not inrouted from the imputation of the blackest Crimes ; and the *best* and most *loyal Protestants* are exposed to the utmost hazards by the *Perjuries, Subornations, and Villanies* of the *Popish Party* and their *Adherents*. And we cannot at this time omit the mentioning your fair Proceedings in our present *Election of Sheriffs* for the *Year* ensuing , and dispatch of an unnecessary *Poll*, without putting us off by *Adjournments* to a troublesome and weary attendance. Do offer and return to you our most *hearty Thanks*, as the onely Compensation we can at present make you ; being confidently assured that you will stedfastly persist in those your most faithful Endeavours , as long as you shall continue *Officers* in this Honourable *City*.

This Address was presented to the Sheriffs at the same time ; and being read to the Common-hall , had the like Approbation.

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